# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD FOURTH REGION

C.F. LOGISTICS, INC.1

**Employer** 

and Case 4–RC–21444

TEAMSTERS LOCAL 312, a/w INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS

Petitioner

## REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S DECISION AND DIRECTION OF ELECTION

The Employer, C.F. Logistics, Inc., is engaged in the interstate transportation and distribution of mushrooms. The Petitioner, Teamsters Local 312, filed a petition with the National Labor Relations Board under Section 9(c) of the National Labor Relations Act seeking to represent a unit of the drivers employed at the Employer's Avondale, Pennsylvania facility. A hearing was held before a Hearing Officer of the National Labor Relations Board, herein called the Board. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 3(b) of the Act, the Board has delegated its authority in this proceeding to the undersigned. Based upon the entire record in this matter and for the reasons set forth below, I conclude and find as follows:

- 1. The Hearing Officer's rulings made at the hearing are free from prejudicial error and are hereby affirmed.
- 2. The Employer is engaged in commerce within the meaning of the Act, and it will effectuate the purposes of the Act to assert jurisdiction in this case.
  - 3. The Petitioner claims to represent certain employees of the Employer.
- 4. A question affecting commerce exists concerning the representation of certain employees of the Employer within the meaning of Section 9(c)(1) and Section 2(6) and (7) of the Act.
- 5. The parties stipulated, and I find, that the following employees constitute a unit appropriate for the purposes of collective bargaining within the meaning of Section 9(b) of the Act:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Employer's name appears as amended at the hearing. The Employer is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Country Fresh Mushroom, Inc.

All full-time and regular part-time drivers<sup>2</sup> employed by the Employer at its 8990 Gap Newport Pike, Avondale, Pennsylvania facility, **excluding** all other employees, loaders, guards and supervisors as defined in the Act.

#### **DIRECTION OF ELECTION**

The National Labor Relations Board will conduct a secret ballot election among the employees in the unit found appropriate above. The employees will vote whether or not they wish to be represented for the purposes of collective bargaining by **Teamsters Local 312**, a/w **International Brotherhood of Teamsters**. The date, time, and place of the election will be specified in the Notice of Election that the Board's Regional Office will issue subsequent to this Decision.

#### A. <u>Eligible Voters</u>

The eligible voters shall be unit employees employed during the payroll period ending immediately before the date of this Decision, including employees who did not work during that period because they were ill, on vacation, or were temporarily laid off. Employees engaged in any economic strike, who have retained their status as strikers and who have not been permanently replaced are also eligible to vote. In addition, employees engaged in an economic strike, which commenced less than 12 months before the election date, who have retained their status as strikers but who have been permanently replaced, as well as their replacements are eligible to vote. Employees who are otherwise eligible but who are in the military services of the United States may vote if they appear in person at the polls. Ineligible to vote are: 1) employees who have quit or been discharged for cause after the designated payroll period for eligibility; 2) employees engaged in a strike who have been discharged for cause since the commencement thereof and who have not been rehired or reinstated before the election date; and 3) employees engaged in an economic strike which began more than 12 months before the election date who have been permanently replaced.

#### B. Employer to Submit List of Eligible Voters

To ensure that all eligible voters may have the opportunity to be informed of the issues in the exercise of their statutory right to vote, all parties to the election should have access to a list of voters and their addresses, which may be used to communicate with them. *Excelsior Underwear, Inc.*, 156 NLRB 1236 (1966); *NLRB v. Wyman–Gordon Company*, 394 U.S. 759 (1969).

Accordingly, it is hereby directed that within seven (7) days of the date of this Decision, the Employer must submit to the Regional Office an election eligibility list, containing the *full* names and addresses of all the eligible voters. *North Macon Health Care Facility*, 315 NLRB 359, 361 (1994). The list must be of sufficiently large type to be clearly legible. To speed both preliminary checking and the voting process, the names on the list should be alphabetized

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> At the hearing, the parties stipulated that the following drivers fit within the unit description and are eligible to vote: John Anderson, Tom Eller, and Guadalupe Garduno-Sotelo. The parties further stipulated that George Eller, an on-call employee, is not eligible to vote.

(overall or by department, etc.). Upon receipt of the list, I will make it available to all parties to the election.

To be timely filed, the list must be received in the Regional Office, One Independence Mall, 615 Chestnut Street, Seventh Floor, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106 on or before **Tuesday, June 10, 2008**. No extension of time to file this list shall be granted except in extraordinary circumstances, nor will the filing of a request for review affect the requirement to file this list. Failure to comply with this requirement will be grounds for setting aside the election whenever proper objections are filed. The list may be submitted by mail, facsimile transmission at (215) 597-7658, or by electronic filing through the Agency's website at <a href="https://www.nlrb.gov">www.nlrb.gov</a>. Guidance for electronic filing can be found under the E-Gov heading on the Agency's website. Since the list will be made available to all parties to the election, please furnish a total of two (2) copies, unless the list is submitted by facsimile or electronic filing, in which case no copies need be submitted. If you have any questions, please contact the Regional Office.

#### C. Notice of Posting Obligations

According to Section 103.20 of the Board's Rules and Regulations, the Employer must post the Notices to Election provided by the Board in areas conspicuous to potential voters for a minimum of three (3) working days prior to the date of the election. Failure to follow the posting requirement may result in additional litigation if proper objections to the election are filed. Section 103.20(c) requires an employer to notify the Board at least five (5) working days prior to 12:01 a.m. of the day of the election if it has not received copies of the election notice. *Club Demonstration Services*, 317 NLRB 349 (1995). Failure to do so estops employers from filing objections based on non-posting of the election notice.

### RIGHT TO REQUEST REVIEW

Under the provisions of Section 102.67 of the Board's Rules and Regulations, a request for review of this Decision may be filed with the National Labor Relations Board, addressed to the Executive Secretary, 1099 14th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20570-0001. A request for review may also be submitted by electronic filing through the Agency's website at <a href="https://www.nlrb.gov">www.nlrb.gov</a>. A copy of the request for review must be served on each of the other parties to the proceeding, and with the Regional Director either by mail or by electronic filing. Guidance for electronic filing can be found under the E-Gov heading on the Agency's website. This request must be received by the Board in Washington by 5:00 p.m., EDT on <a href="mailto:Tuesday">Tuesday</a>, June 17, 2008.

Signed: June 3, 2008

at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

/s/ [Dorothy L. Moore-Duncan]

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Regional Director, Region Four